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I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all those attending the 2000 Pride Festivals.

Canadians take pride in the diversity of our country and regard it as a source of enrichment and strength. At the very founding of our country was the idea that people of different backgrounds could work together to build a common home, in peace and security, while retaining their special and unique characteristics. As this idea gained strength in Canada, it summoned us to embrace the principles of tolerance, fairness and compassion and to shun the elements of bigotry and intolerance. By remaining steadfast to this first principle, we have built a country that is recognized internationally as the best in the world in which to live, and where citizens take pride in the fact that we can be both different and equal at the same time.

This proud commitment is clear in the words of the *Canadian Human Rights Act* which reads, "all individuals should have an equal opportunity to make for themselves the lives that they are able and wish to have... without being hindered in or prevented from doing so by discriminatory practices based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status (or) disability..."

As with anything precious, principles must be nurtured and protected. We must remain vigilant and work to ensure that Canada remains an inclusive country, where people are able to forge common bonds in a spirit of good-will and mutual respect. Pride Festivals are an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect on the principles which form the basis of our unity as a country.

J'ai le plaisir d'adresser mes plus chaleureuses salutations à tous les participants aux festivals de la Fierté 2000.

La diversité de notre pays est un motif de fierté pour les Canadiens, qui la considèrent comme une source de force et d'enrichissement. Notre pays lui-même est né de l'idée que des gens aux origines diverses pouvaient oeuvrer ensemble à bâtir un foyer commun, dans la paix et la sécurité, tout en conservant leur spécificité. Cette idée a germé au Canada: elle a favorisé l'éclosion des principes de tolérance, d'équité et de compassion et déraciné les préjugés et l'intolérance. En restant fidèles à ce premier principe, nous avons édifié un pays reconnu dans le monde entier pour sa qualité de vie incomparable où nous sommes fiers de pouvoir être à la fois différents et égaux.

Ce fier engagement est clairement énoncé dans la *Loi canadienne sur les droits de la personne* qui reconnaît: "le droit de tous les individus [...] à l'égalité des chances d'épanouissement, indépendamment des considérations fondées sur la race, l'origine nationale ou ethnique, la couleur, la religion, l'âge, le sexe, l'orientation sexuelle, l'état matrimonial, la situation de famille, [...] ou la déficience."

Il faut veiller sur nos principes, comme sur tout bien précieux, et les protéger. Nous devons rester vigilants et travailler à préserver l'esprit d'ouverture qui fait du Canada une société inclusive où l'on peut tisser des liens dans un esprit de bonne volonté et de respect mutuel. Les festivals de la Fierté convient tous les Canadiens et Canadiennes à contempler ces principes qui sont au coeur de notre unité.

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2000



Bob Chiarelli
Chair/Président

**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE WEEK
JULY 7-16, 2000**

- WHEREAS,** Diversity of sexual orientation and gender identity represents a positive contribution to society, and is therefore a matter for pride and celebration; and
- WHEREAS,** Citizens of the National Capital Region will be celebrating Pride Week from July 7-16, 2000; and
- WHEREAS,** All members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities are entitled and encouraged to be represented in Pride celebrations; and
- WHEREAS,** Everyone who supports these principles is entitled and encouraged to help organize and to participate in Pride celebrations.

THEREFORE, I, Bob Chiarelli, Chair of the Region of Ottawa-Carleton, hereby proclaim **JULY 7 to 16, 2000** as **LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE WEEK** in the National Capital Region, and I encourage everyone to recognize the contributions of these citizens.

**SEMAINE DE LA FIERTÉ LESBIENNE, GAIE, BISEXUELLE ET TRANSGENDRISTE
DU 7 AU 16 JUILLET 2000**

- ATTENDU QUE** la diversité de l'orientation et de l'identité sexuelles représentent une contribution positive pour la société qui est digne d'être célébrée et dont nous devons être fiers,
- ATTENDU QUE** les citoyens de la région de la capitale nationale célébreront la semaine de la fierté du 7 au 16 juillet 2000,
- ATTENDU QUE** tous les membres des communautés lesbienne, gaie, bisexuelle et transgendriste ont le droit d'être représentés dans le cadre des célébrations de la fierté et sont encouragés à l'être et
- ATTENDU QUE** tous les gens qui appuient ces principes peuvent et sont même encouragés à aider à organiser les célébrations de la fierté et à y participer.

PAR CONSÉQUENT, je, Bob Chiarelli, président de la Région d'Ottawa-Carleton, proclame par la présente la période **du 7 au 16 juillet 2000 comme étant la SEMAINE DE LA FIERTÉ LESBIENNE, GAIE, BISEXUELLE ET TRANSGENDRISTE** dans la région de la capitale nationale, et j'encourage tout le monde à reconnaître la contribution de ces citoyens.

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***I, Jim Watson, Mayor of
the City of Ottawa,
do hereby
proclaim
July 7 to 16, 2000 as
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***Je, Jim Watson, maire
de la Ville d'Ottawa,
proclame
par la présente
le 7 au 16 juillet 2000
la Semaine de la fierté
lesbienne, gaie,
bisexuelle et trans-genre.***

***Jim Watson
Mayor • Maire***

Chair's Greeting

CECIL TURCOTTE

For the past 15 years people have been coming together to celebrate Pride in Ottawa-Hull. Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Transgendered have joined hands as a community and stated, 'We are here!' Gradually building from a small community picnic of 100 in 1986 to the full-blown festival of 50,000 in 2000, the GLBT community has shown its strength, determination and cohesiveness. We are one community.

There are many struggles still ahead, but also many victories to be celebrated. As we move into the new millenium let us

face both with the same fierce determination; the same sense of pride; and, the same ability to party.

Ottawa-Hull has thrown open it's arms to welcome visitors to Pride. (We are the safest, gblt-friendly city in North America.) Enjoy the varied and colourful events Pride 200 has to offer. It's been a lot of hard work, but Pride 200 will be the biggest, and the best Ottawa-Hull has seen.

Hop on, enjoy, shop, dance, eat, sing, party, have fun, it's here for you.

First Vice-Chair Greeting

JARMILA DOKLADALOVA

As we come together to celebrate Pride this year, we are at an important cross-roads. In the fifteen years of Pride here in Ottawa, our festival has grown from a one day event acknowledging the existence of the lesbian and gay movement to a ten-day-long festival which brings together not only the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, but also a growing number of straight supporters, entertainers, corporate sponsors, and government officials.

The successes that The Pride Committee of Ottawa-Hull has experienced is a reflection of a growing international movement which not only seeks to have us take pride in our identity, but also demands human rights and equality. As we gather here in Ottawa for Pride this year, World Pride 2000 is being held in Rome and Pride events taking place on all six continents will attract between twelve to fifteen million participants.

While there are many commonalities different pride committees may share across international borders, each locality maintains its own character as a result of grassroots organizing and volunteer participation. Here in Ottawa, we have grown significantly in the fifteen years or pride, and our continued success comes from those like you who are participating in Pride 2000.


Second Vice-Chair Greeting

JOANNE LAW

Fifteen years of pride in the Capital is something to get excited about. Fifteen years of diversity and being proud of who we are. We could be Transgendered, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or just strait, that doesn't matter anymore. Being part of the Pride Festival is. My role as your 2nd Vice Chair has given me the opportunity to meet and work with dedicated talented volunteers and worthy representatives of our sponsors in the Ottawa/Outaouais area.

In 1994 I marched in my first Pride Parade down Elgin Street, I was proud of my transgender identity then, as I am now. I call Pride my home and the people in the gaybourhood my friends.

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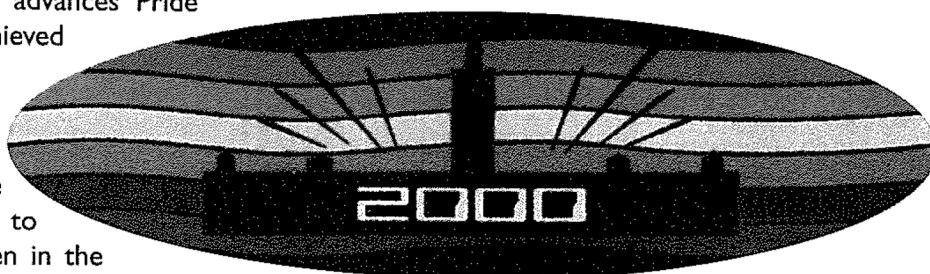
Michèle Gérin-Lajoie



Logo and Theme

This year, our logo is a symbolic representation of the centre block of the Parliament Buildings of Canada, set against the flowing rainbow flag, with rays symbolising fireworks celebrating the major advances Pride and the GLBT movement have achieved in Ottawa, the capital of Canada.

This year's theme is "Embracing Our Community" outlines the wishes of the GLBT to be inclusive. To be inclusive means to include not only men and women in the strive for equality, but also the transgendered, the visible minorities, the invisible minorities, the disabled, the poor, and all those who make up our GLBT community.



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Logo et thème

Le logo de cette année représente l'édifice du centre du Parlement d'Ottawa. Le fond est constitué des couleurs de notre drapeau arc-en-ciel avec ses feux d'artifice, le tout symbolisant les grands progrès accomplis par nos associations Fierté et GLBT ici même à Ottawa, la capitale du Canada.

Le thème de cette année s'intitule : "Un amour de communauté". Il

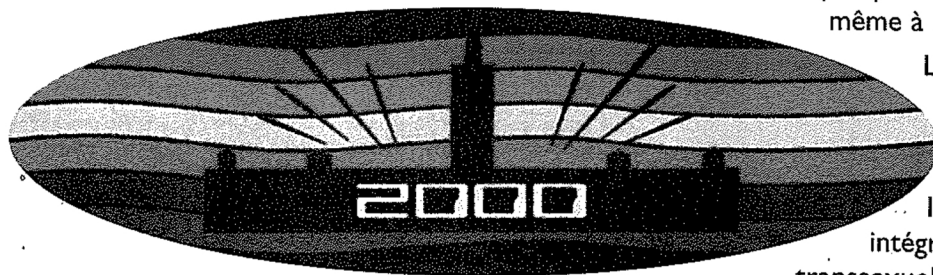
signifie que non seulement l'égalité des hommes et des femmes est

l'objectif prioritaire mais aussi il veut

intégrer les causes des communautés

transsexuelles, des minorités visibles et

invisibles, des handicapés, des pauvres ainsi que tous ceux qui font partie de la communauté GLBT.



Parade Takes New Route

The parade is unquestionably one of the most exciting and colourful parts of the Pride Festival. It reflects the historical evolution of Pride from a marginal protest movement to a festive celebration of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. This year, a wide variety of floats and marchers are participating in the parade, which for the first time begins at Lansdowne Park.

Those participating in the parade include Mayor Jim Watson, City Councilor Stéphane Émond-Chabot, and Regional Councilors Alex Munter, Clive Doucet and Madeleine Meilleur.

In recognition of their many years of contribution to the community, this year's Grand Marshalls are: Barry Deeprose, Founder of AIDS Committee of Ottawa and currently President of PTS, Melanie Porter, founder of Women's Voices Festival, coordinator at PTS and the

Centertown Community Health Centre, John Purdie, a long time member of the Ottawa Knights and the Executive Producer of the Mr Leather Ottawa-Hull Competition, and Colleen Baker, the organizer of Ottawa Intl Lesbian week 2000 and Chair of Dyketopia 2000.

The Grand Marshalls are adding an energetic twist: they are riding their motorcycles in the parade.

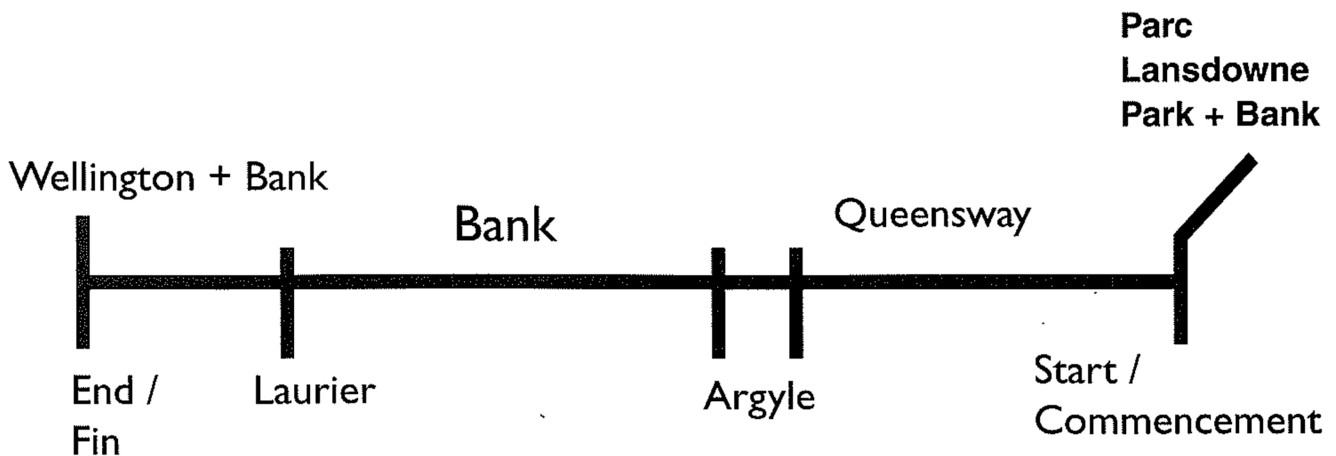
Participation also includes many from out of town. For the first time, La Track from Montreal and the Amazons Motorcycle Club of Toronto are among those attending.

The Parade, with the Amazons Motorcycle Club of Toronto in the lead, assembles at Lansdowne on Sunday July 9 and steps off at 2PM. It proceeds north on Bank street and disbands at Parliament Hill.

BRYAN BYL, PARADE COORDINATOR

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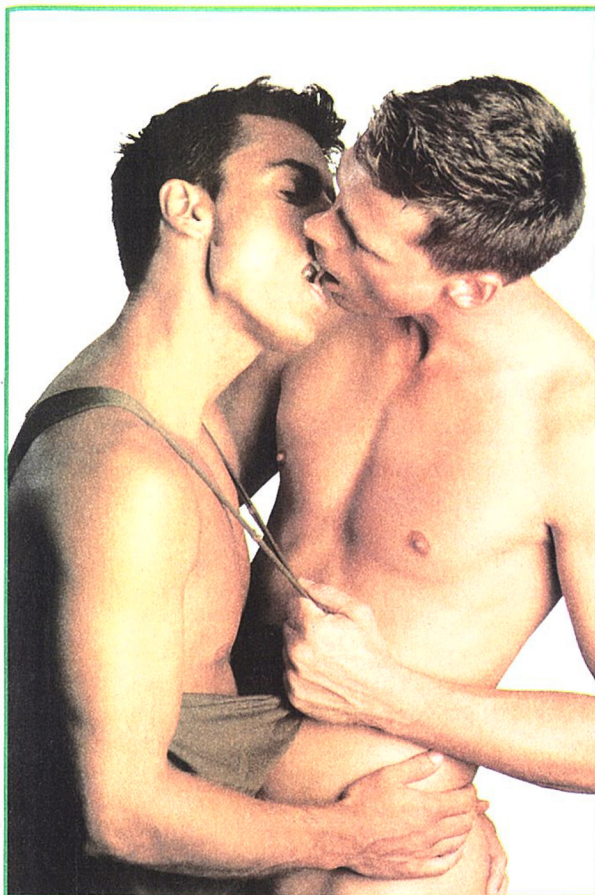
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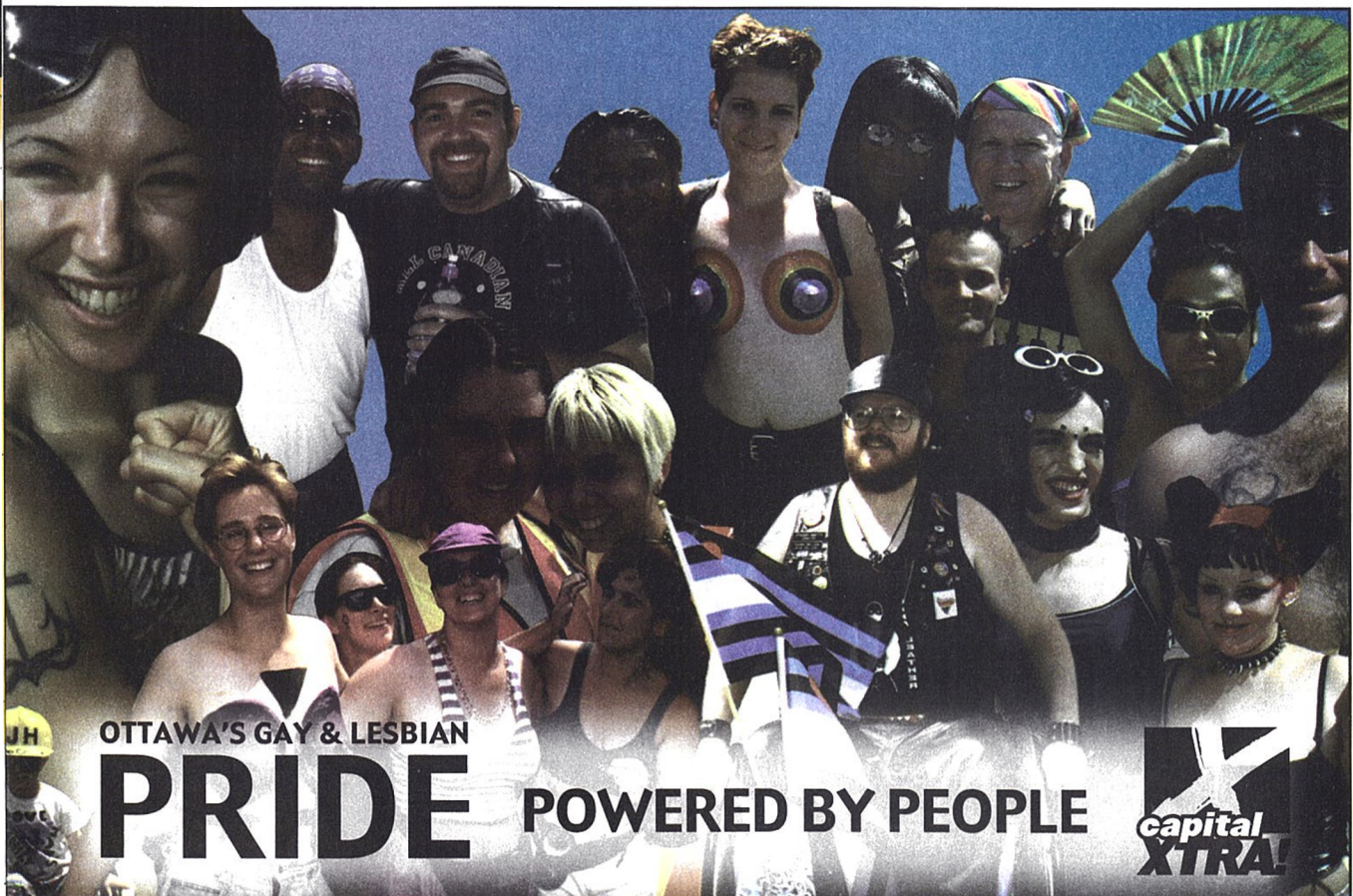
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Kids Can sign-in is for 2-hour periods. You are welcome to renew throughout the day or just when you need a break. There will be security and staff (cleared through the Ottawa-Carleton Police) to help you and your children relax and enjoy the Pride celebrations. Help make this a fun day for all our family members by including the young members of yours.



Jardin des Jeunes

Le Jardin des Jeunes est le moyen idéal pour encadrer les enfants dans un contexte de participation aux célébrations de la Fierté.

A cet effet, une partie du parc de pique-nique de la Place des Festivals (près du centre Ottawa-Carleton) a été désignée comme endroit sûr pour eux. Ils pourront dorénavant s'adonner à un grand nombre d'activités divertissantes. Les parents sont donc priés d'amener leurs enfants et de les inscrire. Le Jardin des Jeunes sera ouvert de 12 à 18 heures.

Les inscriptions ne sont valides que pour une durée de deux heures. Les renouvellements peuvent se faire au besoin toute la journée. La surveillance sera assurée par un personnel choisi par les autorités (service de la Police d'Ottawa-Carleton) compétentes. Avec toutes ces précautions, vous serez à l'aise pour bien vous divertir aux festivités.



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We're the ones in the pictures.

When TV and newspapers cover Pride celebrations, many of the images — at least the most memorable ones — will be of drag queens and leatherfolk.

It's not surprising. Both groups offer the news media what their readers and viewers want to see: colour, drama, sex, a hint of menace, and a distinct difference from what you see on the street everyday.

The pictures always seem to upset some members of the community. "How can we be accepted with people like them around?" they ask. "What if people think we're all like them?" "They give people the wrong impression." The complaints are always different, but they all seem to boil down to the same idea: What Will The Straight People Think?

I have news for you. It doesn't matter What The Straight People Will Think. The people who hate us, hate us. They hate us for who we love and how we express that love — not what we take off (or put on) when we do it. On the other hand, those who feel that it's none of their business what we do or who we're doing it with — well, they also don't care what we happen to be wearing at the time.

Worrying about What The Straight People Will Think misses the point of Pride celebrations completely. Pride Day is about celebrating who and what we are. It's not about showing straight people that we should be accepted

because we're just like them — if it were, we'd call it Be Nice To Us Because We're Just Like You Day.

"How can we be accepted with people like them around?"

We're not "just like them". Hell, we're not even just like us. The GLBT community consists of an incredible variety of people who have one thing, and only one, in common: we're not straight. In everything else, we're as

different from one another as any group of people chosen at random off the street. Despite that, we've been able to work and to celebrate together. That's taught us a valuable lesson: is to be cherished.

If we're going to earn lasting acceptance from the straight community, it won't be through assimilation. It will be because we've passed on the lesson we've learned by working together — that different is good.

Including drag queens and leatherfolk in Pride celebrations sends an important message. It says that there's room for everyone in our community. It says that sexuality is something to be embraced and celebrated, not hidden away. And it says that what people think about us matters much less than what we think about us.

So when you get dressed for this year's Pride festivities, wear leather. Wear a feather boa and high heels. Wear both if you want to. Just remember, it's our party, and we'll dress like we want to.

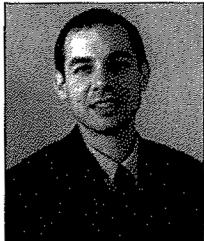
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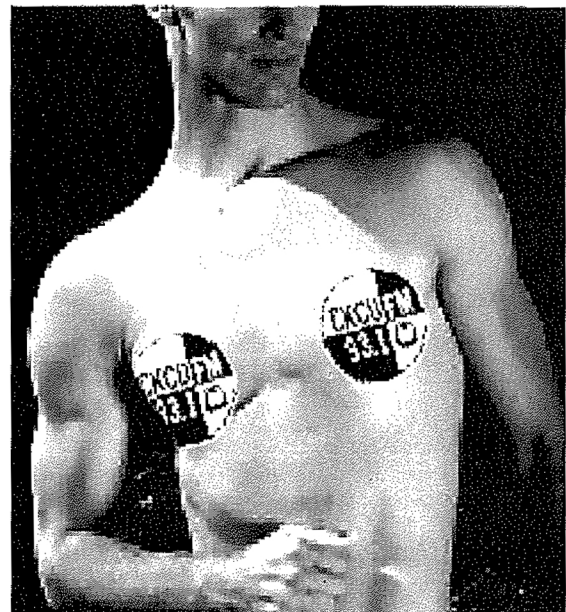
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History of Pride Ottawa-Hull

The first gay pride celebration in our area was organized in 1986 by Gays of Ottawa (GO) (later the Association of Lesbians, Transgender, Gay, and Bisexuals of Ottawa, ALTGBO).

In 1989, the pride celebration became a week of activities: dances, exhibits, films, sports events, and receptions. These activities were generally organized under the auspices of GO. 300 people attended the first parade and picnic, and the mayor of the City of Ottawa, Jim Durrell, proclaimed Equality Day.

In the 90's, the organizing committee of Pride Week separated from ALGBO. Representatives of other community groups took part in greater numbers in the planning of the week's activities. The committee continued without any official structure for several years. In 1995, the group decided to adopt a structure. The executive was elected at a general meeting in February 1996. In the context of this restructuring, the committee wrote out a bylaw and formed a corporation in May 1997.

In July 1996, the Committee expanded the scale/range of Pride activities by sponsoring a community dance with 1,500 people. The Parade and Picnic had between 5,000 and 7,500 members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. At the same time the Committee marketed to community groups and media of other cities in order to attract visitors to our celebrations.

In 1997, the Committee continued to build on the solid

foundation that was established. They attracted greater numbers of women to the ranks of the Operations Committee and the Executive Committee. They added activities such as shows at the National Arts Centre and KidsCan at the Picnic site. The Committee requested Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Week be proclaimed by the Chair of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and by the City of Ottawa. The two administrations flew the rainbow flag. An important fundraising campaign allowed the Committee to buy a 30' by 60' rainbow flag for events locally and outside the region. The flag is also loaned to community groups.

In 1998, invited by the Committee, the Prime Minister of Canada supported the celebration with a letter in which he congratulated all the Pride organizations across the country of the hard work they have done.

In 1999 the television celebrities, the Teletubbies, joined their queer peer, Tinky Winky, and helped draw people to the Pride Parade. Lorraine Segato and Night Fever Orchestra saw an audience of over 20,000. Joining with Foundation for Equal Families, Pride Ottawa-Hull marched onto Parliament Hill with 15,000 people, displaying our Proud Heritage and Powerful Future and our commitment for true equality.



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Historique de Fierté Ottawa-Hull

La première fête de la Fierté dans notre région a été organisée en 1986 par le groupe des Gay d'Ottawa (GO). Plus tard, l'Association des lesbiennes, trans-genre, gaie, et bisexuel(le)s d'Ottawa, ALTGBO.

Ce ne fut qu'en 1989 que la fête prit de l'envergure et devint une semaine de célébrations où on y trouva toutes sortes d'activités telles que les danses, présentations, films, sports et réceptions. Toutes ces activités furent chapeautées par la communauté Gaie d'Ottawa. Le premier défilé et pique-nique incluaient plus de trois cent personnes et c'est à cette occasion que le maire d'Ottawa, Jim Durrell, proclama le jour de l'égalité.

Durant la décennie 90, le Comité organisateur des festivités de la semaine de la Fierté devint autonome. La préparation des activités de la semaine des festivités demeura possible grâce à la contribution de gens issus des différentes communautés. Le Comité continua d'œuvrer sans structure organisationnelle jusqu'en 1995, où finalement un Conseil Exécutif fut élu en février 1996 et le Comité s'incorpora comme entreprise en mai 1997.

En juillet 1996, le Comité Fierté a vu ses tâches se multiplier en organisant une danse qui incluait jusqu'à mille cinq cents personnes. Le défilé et le pique-nique ont attiré entre cinq et sept mille cinq cents personnes des différentes communautés. De plus, le Comité lança une campagne de publicité dans d'autres villes et provinces afin d'attirer plus de visiteurs à ses festivités.

En 1997, le Comité continua de bien s'implanter sur ses fondations et dans son infrastructure, plusieurs femmes se

sont jointes au comités de l'exécutif et de planification. De nouvelles activités apparurent telles que des spectacles au Centre National des Arts ainsi que le Jardin des Jeunes au site du pique-nique. Durant cette période, le Comité fit la demande aux dirigeants des municipalités régionales d'Ottawa-Carleton et de la Ville d'Ottawa pour proclamer la Semaine de la Fierté des Lesbiennes, Gaie, Bisexuels et Transsexuels. Une campagne de levée de fonds a permis au Comité l'achat d'un drapeau arc-en ciel de neuf mètres sur dix-huit. Il est déployé durant des célébrations locales et régionales. Le drapeau est aussi prêté à d'autres groupes.

En 1998, le Comité invita le premier ministre du Canada qui, par la suite, offrit tout son support en présentant une lettre et en félicitant toutes les organisations Fierté du pays pour le travail accompli.

En 1999, les célébrités de la série télévisée Têlétubbies se sont joints à leur pair Queer Tinky Winky, afin de pouvoir attirer plus de gens au défilé de la Fierté. Lorraine Segato et l'orchestre Night Fever ont attiré une foule de plus de vingt milles personnes. Durant la même année, la Fierté Ottawa-Hull s'est jointe au groupe Foundation for Equal Families et se sont rendus à la colline du Parlement au nombre de plus de quinze mille afin d'afficher leur fier héritage, force de l'avenir et leur engagement envers la vraie égalité.



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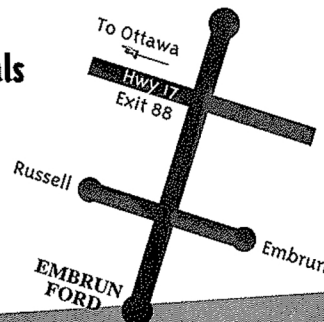
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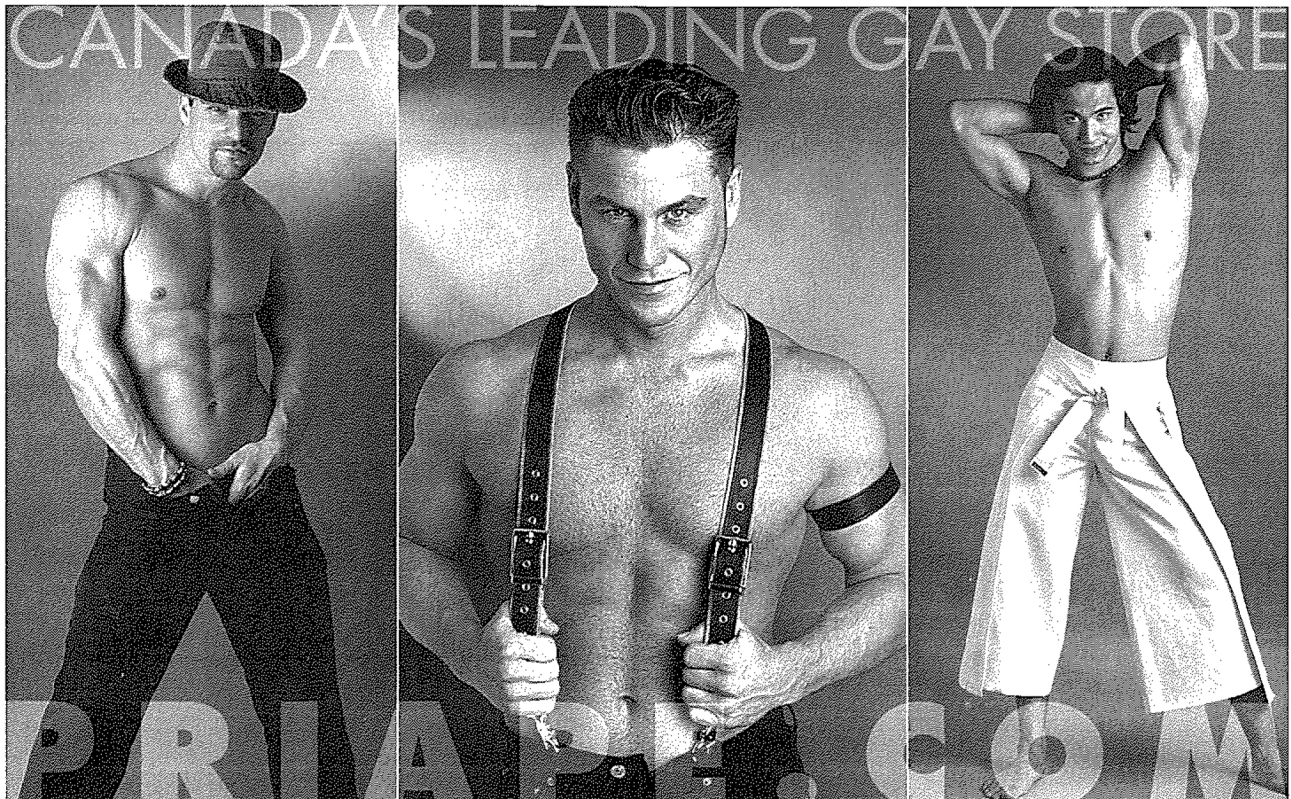
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Over the past thirty years, the call for equal rights for our community has been transformed from a marginalized protest movement to a broad-based campaign calling for social change that has been adopted by human rights organizations throughout the world. Amnesty International, which advocates on behalf of those imprisoned for peacefully expressing their views, now takes up campaigns on behalf of those held in prison for revealing their sexuality.

This year, Interpride, The International Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Pride Coordinators, estimates that twelve to fifteen million people will come together not only to celebrate pride, but also to call for an end to discrimination against the lgbt communities. Cities where Pride events are taking place include Auckland, Calcutta, New York City, Melbourne, Mexico City, Sao Paulo, and Tel-Aviv. Word Pride 2000, being held in Rome, has defined our goals as: equal Rights for all, the end of discrimination, and the celebration of difference.

Here in Canada, the lgbt rights movement has made steady gains. In 1996, sexual orientation was added to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as a status protected from discrimination. Starting in 1994, Citizenship and Immigration Canada began accepting applicants for refugee status from individuals who stated they were seeking asylum as a result of persecution for expressing their sexuality. Most recently, Bill C-23 aims to amend federal legislation so that same sex couples can access the benefits that are now available for other common-law couples.

As the call for human rights for the lgbt community grows

world-wide, we are seeing some important gains being made. However, at the same time, as more information about those being denied human rights becomes known, we see that the task facing us is daunting. Therefore, as we come together this year, it is important not only to celebrate, but to get involved in advocating for our rights.

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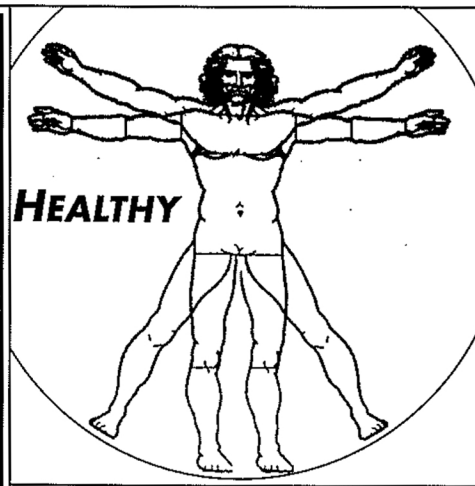
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My First Pride Parade

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It was certainly cool. And overcast, in an ominous, yet theatrical sort of way. There were about a hundred people gathered in the small park that was to be the start point for this first parade. Bright colours, balloons, a couple of cars decorated. Friends were gathering. There was laughter in the air. I thought it would be a step in my coming out, an affirmation of my place in this world to at least be there, to see the parade start. Perhaps I will be fortunate enough to meet someone I know -- to ease my nerves.

There was a whiff of caution in the air. After all, these were early days for Ottawa. Some could see the parade as a convenient target. There would be photographers and TV reporters along the route. Yikes! Visibility!

Well, I'll just mingle and talk, I thought. That should be safe.

There were some people I knew or recognized, though not in this context. Same story for some of us, I guess. All the while my brain was signaling 'caution'. 'Don't get involved.' 'Don't risk.' 'No one has to know.'

I felt the conflict between my heart and mind deepen as they started forming up the parade. As the first contingent of marchers set out, their banners proclaiming pride, their colourful flags waving, my heart walked with them and so did my feet.

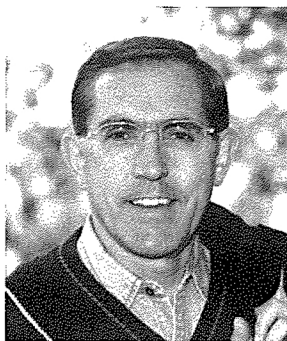
It felt right. I was home at last.

I participate in the yearly marches now and am one of those who carry our Pride Flag. My cohorts are the newspaper guy and the drag queen - we make quite a trio. But I'll never forget that first parade.

Pride-The 'Straight' Perspective

JOYCE ROBBINS

The theme for Pride 2000 is Embracing our Community. What can that mean to me as a straight person? I am a straight person who proudly pins on a button stating straight, but not narrow. I march with Pride (well, ok I roll with Pride) in the Pride Parade. I embrace the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community twelve months a year. It is my community. I happen to have a gay son, but could have a daughter, brother, sister or parent in the GLBT community. What makes the connection doesn't matter, what matters is there is a connection, I have embraced the GLBT community who have embraced me back. I look forward to a week full of fun and opportunities to share with others, a time to meet new people and old friends. I look forward to the Pride Festival with Pride.



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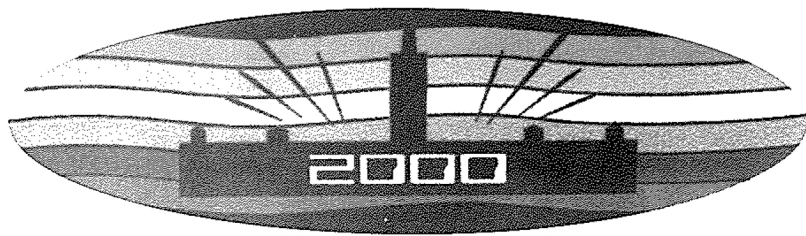
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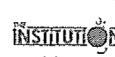
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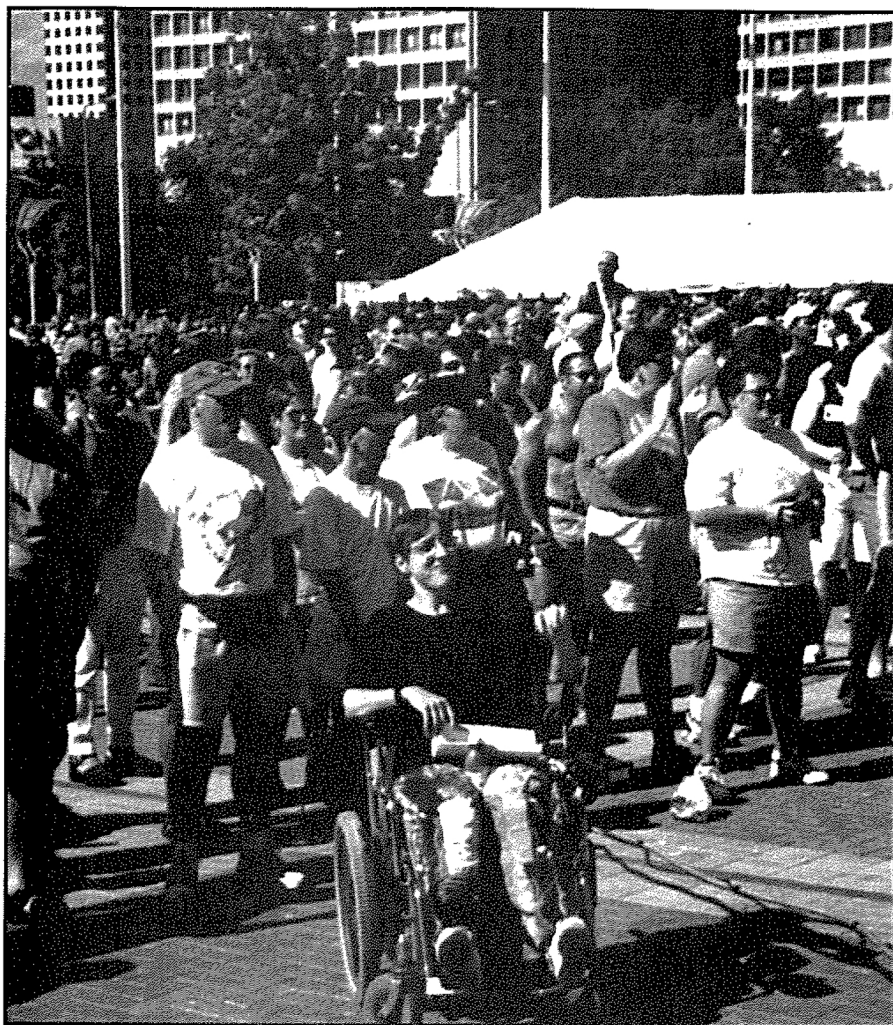
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	La parole aux GLBT *	Chapters, rue Rideau	19 à 21 h	Chantez, jouez d'un instrument, lisez des poèmes ou une nouvelle	Gratuit
	Démonstration de la danse carrée**	Centre communautaire Routhier, Guiges	19h30 à 21h30	Aucun(e) partenaire nécessaire. Amenez un(e) ami(e)! Au profit du festival de la Fierté.	Dons
	Spectacle Ms. Franky's	Franky's, 303 Frank	21h30	Spectacle spécial au profit de la Fierté	2 \$
	Spectacle-bénéfice de Miss Club Polo **	Polo, 65 Bank	22 h	Au profit du festival de la Fierté	Gratuit
le mercredi 12	Mini-festival des films VidéoOh! Fierté **	ROC, 111 Lisgar	19 h	SAGE - "If These Walls Could Talk 2"	Gratuit
	Jeunesse du Triangle Rose **	STR, 71 Bank	19 h	Sonnez pour entrer	Gratuit
	Introduction à la danse sociale	Centre communautaire Dalhousie, 755 Somerset O	19 h	Organisé par le Pied Gai. Soirée-bénéfice pour la Fierté	Dons
	Quilles néon-disco	Salle de quilles Kent, 278 Catherine	20 h	Du jamais vu! Billets d'avance ##	8 \$
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	Retrouvailles des couples	Polo salon, 65 Bank	21 h	Hôte : le Groupe des couples d'Ottawa	Gratuit
	Chansons de coeur / Songs from the Heart	Coral Reef, 30 Nicholas	22h30	Mettant en vedette Louise Laurier. Organisé par la Fierté et ALTGBO (spectacle bilingue)	3 \$
le samedi 15	Gala de clôture **	Rue Sparks	16h à 1 h	Clôture officielle de la Fierté	Dons
	La fête continue **	Polo, 65 Bank	21 h	Affichez les couleurs de la Fierté (prix)	Gratuit
	Ceux qui s'en vont / Missing You avec Brenda Starr et ses amies	Coral Reef, 30 Nicholas	23 h	Hommage aux artistes qui ne sont plus	5 \$
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	Tribute to Diane Holmes **	ROC, 111 Lisgar, Councillors Lounge	2 pm	Afternoon tea.
	Art of Pride 2000 Opening*	Lookout, 41 York	5-7 pm	See local artists' work July 7-August 5
	Franky's Annual Boat Cruise	Franky's, 303 Frank	6:30 pm meet 8:45 pm bus	Buffet included. Info: 233-9195.
	Liturgical Celebration of Our Community **	St. Joseph's Church, Wilbrod	7:30 pm	Readings, prayers and songs
	Revoir Julie **	University of Ottawa Alumni Auditorium	8 pm	Quebec lesbian film. Benefit for Making Scenes.
	Ottawa Gay Men's Chorus with Vox Femina *	Barrymore's, 323 Bank	8 pm	Then, Now, Forever
	Lesbos 2000 - Hot Dykes in Flannel	Coral Reef, 30 Nicholas	8 pm-2 am	Benefit for Pride/Dyketopia - Auction to paint a female bodybuilder!
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	Rainbow Party 5 - Official Pride Kickoff **	Coliseum, Lansdowne Park	8 pm-2 am	Tickets various locations ##
Sun. 9 th	Rainbow BBQ	Market Station, 15 George	5 pm-9 pm	Pride Benefit.
	Fruit Cocktail **	Councillor's Lounge, ROC, 111 Lisgar	11 am	Hosted by Alex Munter
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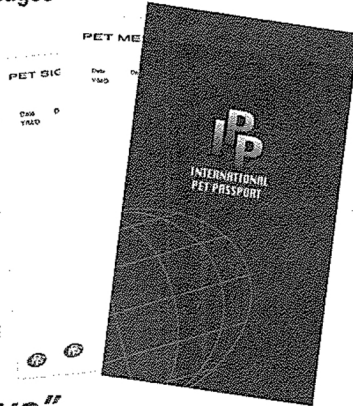


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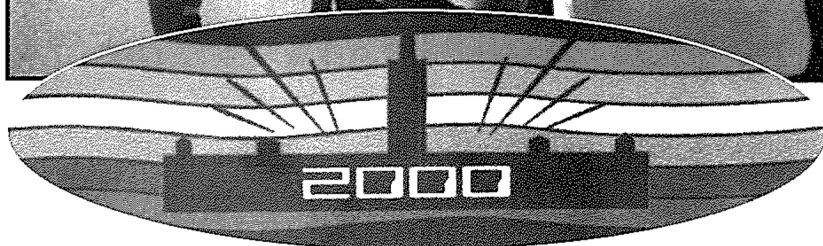
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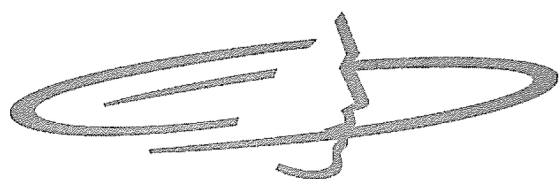
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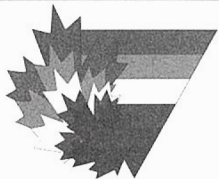


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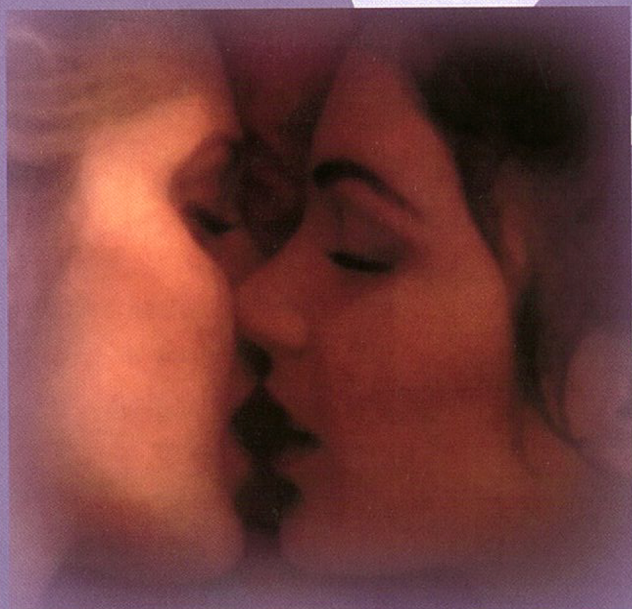
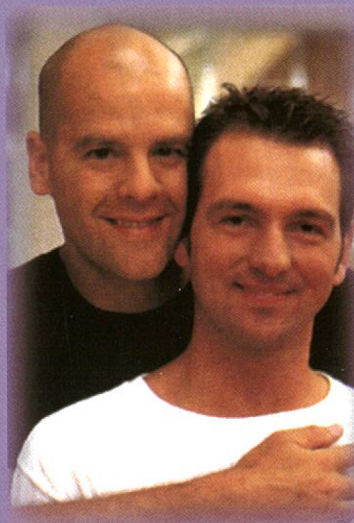


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